

I must oppose any plan that invalidates the use of QAM television tuners, either in our television sets or in our computers. The mere discussion of this as an idea is purely anti-consumer and only for the benefit of the cable companies.

This can only be considered a revenue play by the cable companies and it is stunning that the FCC would even consider it. At present time, I can receive Clear QAM stations, primarily the local channels, on all my televisions. For most, this is all I need. I can also, legally, record television onto my computer using a tuner device.

With this new ruling, I would be required to pay extra each month for every television set *even if all I want is local channels*. Given that I am too far to receive them over the air, this is additive cost for NO BENEFIT other than for the cable company's coffers.

As for recording television for later viewing, I would lose this ability entirely and, again, be forced to pay the cable company extra for the use of their DVR service. Not only would this be expensive, it completely lacks the critical features that my family enjoys.

I would be happy to discuss this in more detail, or even testify, in any proceeding that discussed this idea.

Sincerely,

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